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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PINS, PINT, ASEC, SF

SUBJECT: PROTECTIVE SECURITY: SHUN CHETTY REQUEST FOR
PERSONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH RSO PAYNE WHO IS WILLING
UNDERTAKE ANY LEVEL OF ACTION IN RESPONSE TO CHETTY'S
REQUEST WHICH YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. PAYNE HAS REQUESTED,
HOWEVER, THAT IF YOU HAVE TIME THAT YOU DISCUSS HIS ROLE
WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY VIC DIKEOS OR
ASST DIRECTOR/SY VERNE ST. MARS. PAYNE HAS PREPARED SOME
SANITIZED HANDOUTS ON PROTECTION FOR CHETTY AND MCDONALD IS

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SEEING CHETTY FRIDAY TO ARRANGE VENUE FOR MEETING WITH RSO.

2. BEING REPEATED IMMEDIATE TO YOU ARE CONSUL GENERAL
JOHNSON'S MESSAGE AND RSO PAYNE'S RESPONSE ON THE TOPIC.

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CAPE TOWN FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: SHUN CHETTY REQUESTS PERSONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

1. POLOFF STEMPEL MET WITH SHUN CHETTY SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 AT CHETTY'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO CHETTY AND OTHERS OF HIS CIRCLE. CHETTY NOTED IN THE WAKE OF TURNER KILLING AND SERIES OF INCIDENTS AT HOME OF ILONA KLEINSCHMIDT (HIS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT), AS WELL AS APPARENT THREATS RECEIVED BY OTHERS, THAT THEY ARE FACED WITH A DEFINITE THREAT FROM WHAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE RIGHT WING FANATICS AND HIS CONCERN HAS REACHED THE LEVEL WHERE HE IS TURNING TO US FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.

2. CHETTY MENTIONED THAT THERE IS REAL EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS AN ORGANIZATION OF EXTREME RIGHT WINGERS, POSSIBLY MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY POLICE (ALTHOUGH THIS IS, OF COURSE, SPECULATION), WHO HAVE BEEN BECOMING INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE AND THREATENING TO MEMBERS OF CHETTY'S STAFF AND OTHERS SUCH AS BEYERS NAUDE.

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CHETTY REQUESTED, IF POSSIBLE, A SURVEY BY EMBASSY SECURITY SPECIALISTS ON DEFENSIVE MEASURES THEY MIGHT EMPLOY TO DECREASE RISK OF ASSAULTS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. CHETTY ALSO SEEMED TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING, IF POSSIBLE, MACE OR OTHER CHEMICAL WEAPON PARTICULARLY AS MS. KLEINSCHMIDT AND/OR BEYERS NAUDE WOULD BE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HAND GUN.

3. POLOFF, WHILE EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM, ADVISED CHETTY THIS MATTER WHERE OUTSIDE (U.S.) HELP WOULD APPEAR ULTRA VIRES. BUT HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT HIS APPROACH.

4. COMMENT: MOST WHICH WE COULD CONTEMPLATE SUGGESTING TO YOU WOULD BE ONE-TIME, RAPID SURVEY OF HOUSES INVOLVED BY EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER IN COMPANY WITH POLOFF. EVEN THEN, SURVEY WOULD HAVE TO BE "QUIET" (HOUSE MAY BE BUGGED) AND ADVICE ABOUT BETTER LOCKS NEEDED, ET CETERA, WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN OUTSIDE OR AWAY FROM HOUSES. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. JOHNSON UNQUOTE

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FOR NELSON FROM PAYNE

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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SECURITY: SHUN CHETTY REQUEST FOR
ASFISTANCE

REF: (A) JOHANNESBURG 153 (B) DURBAN 48

1. SUMMARY: RSO APPLAUDS CONGEN'S CONCERN FOR CHETTY'S
SAFETY BUT BELIEVES THERE ARE COGENT REASONS WHY NEITHER
RSO NOR OTHER USG ENTITY SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED WITH PROTECTIVE
SECURITY ADVICE OR PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

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2. RSO HAS REVIEWED REFTTEL A AND CONCURS WITH CHETTY SPEC-
ULATION THAT THERE APPEARS TO BURGEONING NEW FORCE ON
SOUTH AFRICAN TERRORISM SCENE WHICH MAY BE ACTING "EX
CATHEDRA" AS A COUNTER-TERRORISM ELEMENT WITH AT LEAST
TACIT SUPPORT ENCOURAGEMENT AND INFORMATION FROM WITHIN
CERTAIN LEVELS OF SAG. SENIOR MEMBER SECURITY OLICE
WITH WHOM WE LIAISON ON PROTECTIVE MATTERS AND WHO SERVED
AS OIC OF SAP SECURITY DETAIL FOR FORMER SECSTATE KISSINGER
RECENTLY REMARKED THAT, "ONCE THEY (POLITICIANS/DIPLOMATS)
STOP TALKING, THIS IS WHEN WE (POLICE OR PERSONS OF
SIMILAR LEANING) TAKE OVER". RSO PUT REMARK DOWN
AS PARTIALLY "WHISKY RHETORIC;" HOWEVER OFFICER IS TOO
NEAR TOP TO MAKE SUCH REMAKR IN TOTALLY INDISCREET
FASHION.

3. SIMILAR MOVEMENTS AND FORCES AS SPECULATED REFTELS
HAVE OR ARE OPERATING IN BRAZIL, URUGUAY, GUATEMALA,
ETC. MOST DISTINCT DIFFERENCE IS THAT VIGILANTE
COUNTER-FORCES IN LATIN/CENTRAL AMERICAN, NO MATTER HOW
REPREHENSIBLE THEIR ACTIONS, HAD AS TARGETS THE VERY
GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ALSO TARGETED TERRORISM
AGAINST USG PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES. HERE, SUSPECTED
COUNTER-FORCE, IN RSO OPINION, LOOMS AS ORGANIZATION
WHICH EVENTUALLY MAY TARGET USG PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES
AS RESULT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE THEIR
CURRENT AND PRIMARY TARGETS.

4. IN PERSONAL SENSE RSO VERY SYMPATHETIC TO APPREHENSION
WHICH MUST CONFRONT CHETTY AND BELIEVES IMMAGINATIVE
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN UNDER USG IMPETUS IN FINDING MEANS
AND MANNER WHEREIN INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS CHETTY, KLEINSCHMIDT,
NAUDE AND OTHERS CAN AVAIL THEMSELVES OF ORIENTATION,
LOGISTICS AND PHILOSOPHY WHICH GUIDE PERSONAL PROTECTION.

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THERE, HOWEVER, IS NO SHORT-TERM, MAGIC WAND APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM AS REFTEL A SEEMS SUGGEST. DISCIPLINE IS ONE OF BROAD TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS.

5. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NEITHER RSO NOR PERSONS OVERTLY IDENTIFIABLE WITH USG BECOME INVOLVED IN COUNTER-TERRORISM ADVICE, EQUIPMENT, ETC. TO CHETTY OR SIMILAR INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES. (PRECEDENT THIS TOPIC EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND ONLY MILD EXCEPTION WITH WHICH RSO FAMILIAR IS OUR CURRENT PROGRAM OF ADVICE/TRAINING TO U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN TEHRAN IT TOOK SOME MONTHS GALVANIZE USG SUPPORT WHICH RSO BELIEVES FINALLY EMANATED FROM NSC LEVEL.) WHAT RSO SUGGESTING IS COVERT SUPPORT FOR CHETTY, ET AL, IN WHICH OPERATIONAL SECURITY SUPPORT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT POTENTIAL FOR BLOWN OPERATION. BELIEVE IF RSO OR USG ENTITY IDENTIFIED ANY SUPPORT THIS DIRECTION THAT OUR ROLE WOULD BECOME INCOMPATIBLE NOW AND IN FUTURE VIS-A-VIS SAP ON WHOM WE MUST CONTINUE DEPEND FOR MAIN PROTECTIVE SUPPORT OF OUR OWN PAROCHIAL INTERESTS. WHILE RSO HAS NO THOUGHT THAT CHETTY AGENT PROVACATEUR, AM EVER MINDFUL CAPABILITIES SAG PENETRATION OF BLACKS, COLOREDS AND ASIANS SINCE AS GROUP THEY MUCH MORE MALLEABLE BY INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES IN THIS SOCIETY. RSO BELIEVES IT BEST THAT CHETTY, ET AL, REMAIN SENSITIVE TOWARDS THREAT WITHOUT TECHNICAL SUPPORT RATHER THAN TO RECEIVE HALF-BAKED GUIDANCE WHICH MIGHT FALSELY SENSITIVE THEM AGAINST THREAT.

6. RECOMMEND WE REFRAIN FROM PASSING ANY ORDANCE OR EQUIPMENT TO CHETTY. MOST OF OUR PROTECTIVE ORDANCE ENTERS SA WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE APPROVAL AND COULD BE SPECIFICALLY TRACEABLE TO EMBASSY.

7. RSO RECOGNIZES RELUCTANCE CHETTY SEEK ASSISTANCE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR COMMERCIAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION. ON OTHER HAND ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ANGLO-AMERICAN

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CORP. HAS MODERN, TECHNICAL PROTECTIVE STAFF SECOND TO NONE IN SA AND WHO MAY BE IN MORE APPROPRIATE POSITION PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. WHILE THERE IS CLOSE AFFILIATION BETWEEN ANGLO-AMERICAN SECURITY STAFF AND SAP, FOR MOST PART THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CLOSE SUPPORT PROTECTIVE OPERATION FOR CHAIRMAN HARVY OPPENHEIMER AND FAMILY ARE BRITISH OR RHODESIAN EX-PATRIATES.

BELIEVE DISCREET APPROACH TO OPPENHEIMER MIGHT
REPRESENT MOST IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO CHETTY'S NEED.
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